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DIRECTORS MEETING

SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND MET WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL OF THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE FOLLOWING THE LATTER'S RETURN FROM PARIS WHERE HE ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE EC NINE. ACCORDING TO VAN WELL, THE MAJOR SUBJECT DISCUSSED WAS CSCE. (SEE SEPTELS ON THE EC-ARAB DIALOGUE AND ON GENERAL ISSUES.) VAN WELL CLAIMED THAT THE EC NINE HAVE MOVED SOMEWHAT TOWARDS THE AMERICAN POSITION ON THE CSCE NEGOTIATIONS--BUT HE MAY HAVE OVERSTATED THE DEGREE OF ACTUAL MOVEMENT. END SUMMARY

1- ACCORDING TO VAN WELL, THE FRENCH WILL SOON DISTRIBUTE THE EC NINE POSITION AS A NATO DOCUMENT. THE EC NINE WILL INSIST ON COMPLETION OF A FIRST READING OF ALL DESIDERATA AT THE RESUMED CSCE BEFORE ANY FINAL BARGAINING TAKES PLACE. THIS WAS NOT ONLY IN ORDER TO GET A HEARING FOR ALL THAT THE EC NINE DESIRE, BUT ALSO TO OBTAIN A HEARING FOR THE NON-EC-NINE MEMBERS AS WELL. TO ACCELERATE MATTERS, HOWEVER, THE EC NINE HAD STREAMLINED THEIR PROPOSALS. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT WE WERE BACK WHERE WE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY, VAN WELL INSISTED THAT A BIG STEP HAD BEEN TAKEN IN PARIS IN THE DIRECTION OF IDENTIFYING WHAT SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS THE EC-NINE BELIEVED HAD TO BE INCLUDED IN A FINAL TREATY IN ORDER FOR THE CSCE TO BE CONSIDERED A SUCCESS.

2. FIRST COMMISSION. EC NINE HAD NOW LISTED THOSE POINTS WHICH THEY CONSIDER ESSENTIAL. THEY HAD ACCEPTED THE US FORMULATION ON PEACEFUL CHANGE- THEY WERE IN AGREEMENT ON INCLUSION OF ITEMS OF THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FOUR POWERS IN BERLIN, THE 'QUALITY OF PRINCIPLES ISSUE,, AND ADEQUATE FORMULATIONS RE SELF-DETERMINATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. SECOND COMMISSION. VAN WELL INDICATED THAT THE EC NINE WERE NOW PREPARED TO ALLOW THE SECOND COMMISSIO TO COMPLETE ITS WORK AND GO HOME RATHER THAN WAITING UNTIL AFTER SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION OF THE FIRST AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THIRD COMMISSIONS.

4. THIRD COMMISSION. AS FAR AS BASKET III IS CONCERNED THE EC NINE HAD NOT TAKEN THE ROAD OF FINAL FORMULATION, BUT HAD LISTED 'ELEMENTS' AND 'CONCEPTS'. THIS IS MORE THAN THEY HAD DONE PREVIOUSLY. THE FOUR AMERICAN PROPOSALS WERE AGREED TO BE USEFUL; OTHERS HAD BEEN ADDED. THESE ARE TO BE DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS SEPTEMBER

L3 BY THE HEADS OF THE CSCE DELEGATIONS THE EC NINE PAPER WILL BE ON THE TABLE THERE AS A RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEADS OF DELEGATION. ONCE AGAIN, VAN WELL INSISTED THAT THIS SHOWED A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE EC NINE. HOWEVER, THE RECOMMENDATION MUST BE APPROVED IN BRUSSELS BEFORE GOING TO GENEVA. IN ANSWER TO THE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT THAT ALL OF THIS OBVIOUSLY MEANT MUCH FURTHER DISCUSSION WITHIN THE NATO CONTEXT, VAN WELL AGREED THAT THIS WAS THE CASE: A REFINING OF POSITIONS WAS REQUIRED.

5. CBM'S. THE EC NINE HAD SOME CONCRETE FORMULATIONS RE CBM'S BUT HERE, TOO, WISHED THE DETAILS TO BE DISCUSSED WITHIN NATO. THE EC NINE DID BELIEVE THAT

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CBM'S SHOULD BE INCLUDED, HOWEVER. VAN WELL SAID THAT HE MADE IT CLEAR ONCE AGAIN IN PARIS THAT THE FRG DID NOT CONSIDER THE DETAILS RE CBM'S TO BE IMPORTANT. IT
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DID, HOWEVER, INSIST ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS HELD ANYWHERE IN EUROPE INCLUDING THE WESTERN PART OF THE EUROPEAN PORTION OF THE SOVIET UNION; NOT JUST OF THOSE HELD IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THERE IS NO AGREEMENT AMONG THE EC NINE AS TO HOW MANY TROOPS MUST BE INVOLVED BEFORE NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE REQUIRED.

6- VAN WELL SUGGESTED THAT THE SECOND STAGE OF CSCE NEGOTIATIONS WILL LAST UNTIL CHRISTMAS. HE QUOTED PRESIDENT SCHMIDT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE THIRD STAGE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE SPRING.

7. CONCLUSION. VAN WELL WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO TRY TO CONVINCE THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE EC NINE WERE MOVING TOWARDS A DEFINITION OF CSCE ESSENTIALS, BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE MAY SOMEWHAT HAVE OVERSTATED THE ACTUAL DEGREE OF MOVEMENT.
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